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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDIP, SE, US

SUBJECT: SEYCHELLES DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION IN U.S.

REF: A) STATE 134859; B) STATE 104039

1. AS YOU ARE AWARE, SENATOR PELL HAS VOICED STRONG OBJECTION ON PRINCIPLE TO U.S. ACCREDITATION OF AMBASSADORS TO ANY COUNTRIES WHICH DO NOT ACCREDIT AMBASSADORS TO WASHINGTON. SENATOR PELL DOES NOT OBJECT TO COUNTRIES HAVING NON-RESIDENT AMBASSADORS, BUT BELIEVES SOME FORM OF RECIPROCAL ACCREDITATION IS CALLED FOR.

2. DURING DISCUSSIONS WHICH LED TO SENATOR PELL REMOVING HOLD ON YOUR NOMINATION TO SEYCHELLES (REFTEL A), DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES TOLD SENATOR THAT WE WOULD AT APPRO-  
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PRIATE JUNCTURE RAISE ACCREDITATION QUESTION WITH GOS --  
AS WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS IN SIMILAR SITUATION. SUBJECT TO YOUR CONCURRENCE, WE BELIEVE YOUR INITIAL DISCUSSIONS WITH SEYCHELLES PRESIDENT RENE MIGHT OFFER OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE THIS QUESTION.

3. ONE POSSIBLE APPROACH WOULD BE TO ASK RENE ABOUT

SEYCHELLES' PLANS FOR OVERSEAS REPRESENTATION (PERHAPS WITH REFERENCE TO UNITED NATIONS), AND TO NOTE IN THIS CONNECTION THAT WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO HAVE A SEYCHELLES AMBASSADOR ACCREDITED TO WASHINGTON. YOU COULD ALSO POINT OUT THAT MANY STATES COMBINE ACCREDITATION TO U.S. AND UN. SENATOR PELL'S POSITION IS, OF COURSE, A MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD, AND THERE WOULD BE NO REASON NOT TO REFER TO HIS GENERAL VIEWS ON SUBJECT SHOULD DISCUSSION PROVIDE OPENING TO DO SO, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD NATURALLY WANT TO AVOID DISCUSSING SPECIFIC HISTORY OF YOUR NOMINATION IN THIS REGARD.

4. WE LEAVE TO YOUR DISCRETION DECISION ON WHETHER AND HOW SUBJECT MIGHT BE BROACHED AT THIS TIME. VANCE

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